

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Art Unit : 2817
Examiner : B. Lee
Applicant : Charles Ruelke
Appln. No. : 09/307443
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For : MULTI-LAYERED INDUCTIVELY COUPLED HELICAL
DIRECTIONAL COUPLER

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicant wishes to thank Petitions Examiner Hicks for her courtesy in the telephone interview of May 21, 2007, regarding the above-identified application. During the interview, it was noted in accordance with the Decision on the Petition mailed January 31, 2007, that both a new petition and fee under 37 C.F.R. § 137(b) for reviving an unintentionally abandoned application are necessary to continue prosecution of this application.

Accordingly, the Petition under Rule 137(b) and request for extension of time under Rule 136(a) are filed concurrently herewith and are intended to accompany Applicant's request for continued examination (RCE) filed on March 29, 2007.

In view of the long delay by the USPTO in acting on Applicant's prior petition, Applicant requests expedited handling of this application. As always, should the Petitions Examiner Hicks or Examiner Lee have further questions or comments regarding this application, they are requested to telephone the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: May 23, 2007

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